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Flooding Due to King Tides Forecast Through Sunday

Charleston, S.C.—Beginning tonight and for the next several days, motorists in the city of Charleston are asked to use caution and plan their travel to avoid low-lying areas during periods of high tide.

The National Weather Service in Charleston has forecast moderate flooding for Charleston tonight around high tide at 7:29 p.m. Friday morning, near-major flooding may occur in certain parts of the city around the 8:02 a.m. high tide, which coincides with the morning rush hour.

The forecast predicts that near-major flooding during morning high tides and minor flooding during the evening high tides will continue through at least Sunday. There is a slight chance of showers tonight and a chance of showers on Friday. Currently, no rainfall is forecast for Saturday or Sunday.

Citizens are urged to avoid flooded roadways. Disruptive flooding can create life-threatening and property damaging situations.

City officials are monitoring the situation and will provide updates as necessary.

"Our top priority is always the safety of our citizens," said Emergency Management Director Shannon Scaff. "We ask that residents and visitors keep an eye on the forecast, exercise caution when traveling throughout the city and never drive through flooded roadways."

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